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The invention concerns a method (200) and system (100) for detecting defects in a recordable storage medium including the steps of: accessing (212) a segment of multimedia data that has been recorded onto a first portion of the recordable storage medium; selectively examining (214) the segment to determine whether the first portion contains a defect; and taking (222) corrective measures if a defect is detected, wherein the corrective measures are one or more of the corrective measures selected from the group including: generating a defect message; storing the address of the first portion of the recordable storage medium in a table; writing the segment of multimedia data onto a second portion of the recordable storage medium; or modifying the selectively examining step.